

Proclamation 8113—National Poison Prevention Week, 2007

March 16, 2007

*By the President of the United States
of America*

A Proclamation

In the 45 years since the first National Poison Prevention Week was proclaimed by President John F. Kennedy, many lives have been saved from unintentional poisoning through awareness efforts across our country. This week, we reaffirm our commitment to the safety of our fellow citizens and to guarding against accidental poisonings.

Protecting our children is a solemn and special responsibility, and we must all continue to work to reduce the number of poison-related injuries and deaths. I encourage parents to make homes safer by keeping toxic substances sealed and out of reach and by carefully reading the labels on medicines before giving them to children and on household products before using them around children. In addition, carbon monoxide alarms can help protect against carbon monoxide poisoning, which claims the lives of hundreds of Americans each year.

If a poisoning is suspected, citizens can reach their nearest Poison Control Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by calling 1-800-222-1222. This number should be called immediately at the first sign of a suspected poison emergency. The Poison Prevention Week Council website, poisonprevention.org, can provide additional information about poison prevention. By staying informed, being proactive, and remaining vigilant, we can avoid poison exposure and save more lives.

To encourage Americans to learn more about the dangers of accidental poisonings and take appropriate preventive measures, the Congress, by joint resolution approved September 26, 1961, as amended (75 Stat. 681), has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the third week of March each year as “National Poison Prevention Week.”

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 18 through March

24, 2007, as National Poison Prevention Week. I call upon all Americans to participate in appropriate activities this week and to learn how to prevent poisonings, especially among children.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on March 21.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President’s public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 10

In the morning, at the Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel in Montevideo, Uruguay, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush met with U.S. Embassy staff and their families.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush went to Anchorena Park where he met with President Tabare Vazquez of Uruguay.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with President Vazquez and his wife, Maria Auxiliadora Delgado de Vazquez. They then toured Anchorena Park.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel. He then participated in an interview with Greta Van Susteren of FOX News for later broadcast.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the U.S. Ambassador’s residence where they attended a reception for government and business leaders. Later, they